

Minutes of a Meeting of the Ercall Magna Parish Council held on Monday 23rd September 2019 at 7.00p.m. in Community Room, High Ercall School.

PRESENT: Cllrs Elaine Aston, Graham Barrow, Stephen Bentley, Kevin Connor, Amy Glenholmes, Richard Hartshorn, Chris Purves, Mel Ward, Sandy Walker and Ray Wickson
 Also in attendance: the Acting Clerk, 4 members of the public, Alex Moore (Press), Phil Haigh (Idverde) and Dr Clark
 In the Chair: Cllr Ray Wickson.

161/09/19.C	Apologies for Absence	<u>Action</u>
	Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Angela Price (delayed on return from holiday), Louise Hughes (holiday) and Edward Davies (recovering from an operation). It was proposed by Cllr Walker and seconded by Cllr Glenholmes, all were in favour and thus it was RESOLVED that these apologies be accepted.	
162/09/19.C	Vacancy A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr Smith, due to relocation. This has been accepted and a vacancy now exists. This will be advertised and anyone wishing to call an election may contact TWC within 10 working days. If no election is called, the Parish Council can advertise that the vacancy will be filled by co-option. This will take place in November 2019. Members sent their good wishes to Edward for a speedy recovery.	Clerk
163/09/19.C	Disclosable Pecuniary Interests Cllr Purves declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in planning application TWC/2019/0736 and will leave the room. Cllr Bentley declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in the employment of an Acting Clerk. RESOLVED to note that no other Disclosable Pecuniary interests were received on any item included on the agenda in accordance with Sections 50-52, Local Government Act 2000 and The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Act 2001. It was AGREED to accept any Disclosable Pecuniary interests as they may arise during the meeting.	
164/09/19.C	Minutes This item will be deferred to a future meeting.	Clerk
165/09/19.C	Public Participation Mr & Mrs B, of The Glebelands, informed the Parish Council that they had been contacted by TWC Enforcement and that a planning application had now been submitted for an extension to their fence and addition of gates. This is part retrospective. Members informed them of the process and the Parish Council role as a consultee. It would be useful to have the background information in preparation for the application to be considered at a future meeting.	

Mr & Mrs W, shared concerns and information regarding the Drs outreach service in Talbot Fields.

Idverde

The Chairman introduced Phil Haigh, the Community Development Manager who gave a brief presentation on his role across the Borough, which includes working with volunteers, creating free family events, looking for community projects and working with PTCs to enhance their areas, maybe with access to funding.

The Chairman and Phil had undertaken a site visit during the Summer recess and Phil is now aware of Parish Council concerns, which are standard related. He reminded Members that it is important to use My Telford, as requests for action get dealt with quicker as the report goes straight to the contractor. The contract started on 1st April 2019 and their performance to date is 94% satisfaction.

The schedule of work for the rural areas would be useful to the Parish Council and Phil agreed to find out if and how it is available.

The spraying team would be in Ercall Magna within the next 3 -4 weeks. He confirmed that this will include Mill Bend to Roden.

Members thanked Phil for attending and he left the meeting.

Dr Alistair Clark

Correspondence received from Dr Clark and Don Findlay, from the Shawbury Patient's Group had been circulated to all Members, for their information.

Dr Clark had kindly offered to attend the meeting to give the background to the consultation and to take feedback from Ercall Magna Parish Council to the meeting which will take place on 24th September, prior to the Board Meeting on 2nd October.

There has been an outreach surgery at High Ercall for many years, providing a one hour surgery, twice per week. The complexity of patient needs, combined with the lack of resources available at an outreach facility brought about a need to look to restructure the provision. The current facility can only deal with minor needs and from 168 consultations in the last 6 months, which were for 88 patients, 57 of them had also visited Shawbury main practice. It appears unviable to continue this provision for 31 patients over a 6 month period. House visits, for those patients that are house-bound will not be affected and it may be that more home visits could be necessary. It was confirmed that the access to drugs and home deliveries will not be affected. Shawbury Medical Practice will be able to accept the additional visit requests and the necessary personnel and infrastructure will be provided. However, it was accepted that transport will be a problem for many. In the response, Dr Clark confirmed that the practice could consider some sort of transport scheme – maybe using a voluntary car scheme, for example.

Dr Clark would ensure that the views of Ercall Magna Parish Council, particularly in relation to the loss of provision and lack of transport to Shawbury, would be shared as part of the consultation. Local residents and users have been encouraged to send in their views too.

Members thanked Dr Clark for taking time to attend and explain the situation and he left the meeting.

Members further discussed that it is important that TWC, and in particular the planners, accept that there needs to be further extensive investment into the rural areas. There are 45 new homes in High Ercall, 111 planned for Crudgington in the near future as well as the permissions granted for individual homes and the people in the rural areas need and deserve to have a medical centre closer to their homes.

166/05/19.C Urgent Items

Role of Acting Clerk

Katrina Baker and Cllr S Bentley left the meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Barrow and seconded by Cllr Hartshorne that Katrina Baker continues in the role of Acting Clerk to support Edward for as long as he feels necessary. The hourly rate would be £12.50 per hour paid on production of an invoice in arrears. With one abstention, all were in favour and it was **RESOLVED** that Katrina Baker be employed as Acting Clerk.

Katrina Baker and Cllr Bentley returned to the meeting.

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The Chairman reminded Members of the trial scheme in the West Midlands and although concentrated on the cities, it might be possible for a rural parish to take this on as a trial project. The Chairman would share information with the Clerk and Councillors and this can be discussed further in the future.

Chairman

Traffic Regulation Order – No Stopping / Parking on Shrewsbury Road outside The Vicarage.

Details of the proposal had been circulated to all members who were all fully supportive of the proposals.

167/09/19.C Finance / Personnel Committee

There had been no meeting of the Committee. However, there is a need to arrange one in order to discuss the creation of a Contingency Plan and the financial audit for the first six months.

Clerk

168/09/19.C Planning

168/09/19.1.C Planning Committee

Cllr Connor presented the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 2nd September for information.

Due to the resignation of Cllr Smith, it was proposed by Councillor Connor and seconded by Councillor Wickson that Cllr Barrow be elected. It was then proposed by Councillor Hartshorne and seconded by Councillor Aston that Councillor Walker be elected. At the vote (4 – 3), Councillor Barrow was elected.

168/09/19.2C New Applications for consideration

Application number	Site Address	Description of proposal
TWC/2019/0726 Full Planning	Dogs Trust, Roden Lane Farm	Provision and siting of a Wire Dog Sculpture

	Parish Council Comment	No Comment. There were varying opinions, however not all were planning related and therefore it was RESOLVED that there would be no Parish Council Comment and that they would await the decision of TWC.
TWC/2019/0736 Full Planning	Cottage Farm, Ellerdine	Erection of an Agricultural Building for equipment and machinery
	Parish Council Comment	Support. The size and location are acceptable, it is not visible from the road and of standard construction.
TWC/2019/0744 Full Planning	20 Marlbrook Way, Roden	Support. Whilst Members had no objections to the proposals they would be interested to understand why the proposals could not be considered under permitted development.

168/09/19.3.C Schedule of planning decisions

19 Park Lane, High Ercall

Members were still of the opinion that the Planning Officers did not take into consideration important information provided by the Parish Council before determining the application which was retrospective. The details and plans submitted were not to scale and did not adequately represent the site accurately in order that a true picture could be obtained. The drawings were poor and misrepresented the scale of the development. These views would be passed to TWC.

Parish
Clerk

168/09/19.4C Planning Events

The next Planning Seminar is scheduled for 4th November, Cllrs Connor, Wickson and Purves will attend, there are still spaces available if anyone else is interested – please contact the Clerk.

Councillors Connor and Hughes will attend the Pre-Application Consultation Update meeting to represent EMPC and will report back to the next meeting.

168/09/19.5.C Neighbourhood Development Plan

M Barker had sent his apologies. It was proposed by Cllr Purves and seconded by Cllr Connor, all were in favour and it was **RESOLVED** that the few comments received during the last consultation process be taken into consideration and that the Parish Council now proceeds to the next Regulation, the production of the Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Cllrs
Purves
and
Connor

168/09/19.6 C Enforcement Update

Details of the current position with regards to the Enforcement Action taken over

the unauthorized construction of the property outside of the accepted design on land at Mill Bend has been circulated to all members. The owner has appealed and we await a date for the hearing.

169/09/19.C Police Matters

There were no issues requiring police assistance.

Smartwater Kits

The first six sessions have taken place to distributed the Smartwater Kits and 141 have so far been distributed. There are around 500 left. Members can put the APP on their phone and help local residents to register their kits. The Chairman thanked those Members who helped at the recent events. He would be visiting Ridgeway and hopes to distribute more there. Councillors would arrange a session for Roden, at the Timber Yard. The User Name and Password can be provided on request.

Members

170/09/19.C Highway and Environment Issues

a) Environmental

Following a site visit with the Chairman, Idverde had offered quotations for two areas in Roden, in need to additional grass cutting / strimming. Members thanked Cllr Walker who kindly offered to undertake this work on behalf of the Parish Council.

Cllr Walker

The foliage covering the 30mph sign from Walton Avenue Eastbound needs urgent attention.

Clerk

b) Highways

The 'Frail Crossing' sign is now on order and will be installed on the entrance to Ridgeway in the near future.

Minutes of the Highway Liaison Meetings with Waters Upton are available and will be circulated to Members for their information. The next meeting will take place on 24th October.

Clerk

Rod Lake, West Mercia Police, has confirmed that speed enforcement sessions are booked to take place on the A442 at Cold Hatton and the data will be used as part of the consultation on the options identified as being suitable for that area.

The Potholes in Silver Hill were repaired promptly following a My Telford report.

The new 'Give Way' signs were still to be erected at the end of Crab Tree Lane.

The road surface on the slip road from the A442 to Shawbury Road, although recently repaired, is already breaking up and needs attention. It is very dangerous for bicycles.

Clerk

The highway near to the new entrance adjacent to the Cleveland needs attention, this may be as a result of the work undertaken by STWA.

- 171/09/19.C Finance**
171/09/19.1.C Accounts for payment;
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| 100364 | Smartwater Leaflets | £149.48 |
| 100365 | Roadman Duties | £205.00 |
- Proposed:** Cllr Elaine Aston **Seconded:** Cllr Chris Purves
- Resolved:** **that in accordance with the Financial Regulations of the Parish Council the above payments be authorized.** Parish Clerk
- The Balance in the Current Account is £35,477.46. There is a requirement to send out the second invoices to the partners for the Arriva 519 scheme which is due for payment in November. Parish Clerk
- 172/09/19.C SALC**
All correspondence from the County Secretary had been passed to Members for their information.
- The SALC AGM takes place on 15th November and will also celebrate the Associations 70th Anniversary of serving PTCs across Shropshire & Telford and Wrekin. Anyone interested in attending should contact the Clerk.
- The Wrekin Area Committee minutes will be circulated to all Members for information. Clerk
- 173/09/19.C Street Lighting**
Lights out at Coppice Drive have been reported and repaired, although there is still one not working (outside number 21) which will be re-reported.
The lights in Cliff Crescent, Ellerdine will be replaced in the next phase of the upgrade – a date is to be requested from the Contractor. Clerk
- 173/09/19.C Village Halls**
Ellerdine
No report.
High Ercall
The Minutes of Committee meetings are available from the Clerk.
The Committee will be asked to discuss the use of the Village Hall by the football club, it may be that a portaloos is suggested.
There is a Parish Council representative vacancy on the Committee, this will be considered at the next meeting. Parish Clerk
- 174/09/19.C Telford & Wrekin Council**
Councillor Bentley updated Members on some current matters relating to TWC which included:
- Planning Enforcement – he had arranged a meeting with senior planning officers to express concern that rural parish councils in particular are not taken seriously

when considering planning applications.

Climate Emergency – all PTCs should be considering how they can assist in the target aims

Dairy Crest site, Crudgington – a meeting is to take place with Shropshire Homes, to discuss the project, timescale and the effect of the Crossroads, which will then affect Ercall Magna residents.

Arriva 519

The Chairman had attended a meeting with Arriva to discuss the 519 service, the figures and usage were positive, however it was still running at an £80,000 loss for the Monday – Saturday services and therefore funding will be required for next year. Steve had made it clear that this cannot come solely from the Parish Councils, as their agreement was one year. This needs to be communicated to Shropshire Council and Telford & Wrekin Council, as their Local Plans support rural transport, and this links to the need to reduce emissions, then there is an obvious need for an improved public transport system and weight should be given to rural areas where there are no alternatives for some people. The Clerk will write in the first instance to Cllr S Davies and Cllr H Rhodes, Cabinet Member for Transport.

Clerk

David Sidaway is to return to TWC as its Chief Executive in the Winter – he believes that this is a positive step for The Borough.

Weekly updates are circulated to all Members from Richard Overton, Deputy Leader.

175/09/19.C The Cleveland Arms

The Chairman confirmed that there had been no update since the last meeting. However the Phoenix Charity is working with the Plunkett Foundation and the Parish Council will request an update for the next meeting.

Clerk

176/09/19.C General Correspondence

Cllrs noted the items of correspondence/publications that had been received by the Parish Clerk since the last meeting. No requests for items to be added to the agenda had been received from Members.

a) Tree Dressing

Cllr Hughes had provided a briefing note for a proposal for VE Day 2020. It was proposed by Cllr Hartshorne and seconded by Cllr Glenholmes that the Parish Council accepts Cllr Hughes' offer to work on this proposal and to apply for grants. A working group will be created and this event will combine with other activities suitable for the occasion. The Chairman also has other ideas to be included. All were favour and it was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will provide a celebration and activities for VE Day 2020 in the villages within the Parish.

b) Roden Bus Shelters

The Clerk had circulated information and details following a meeting with TWC

and the supplier. As all the quotations had been previously agreed, it was just a matter of co-ordinating the supply and installation of the two shelters, which will also address the roof concern. The Clerk and Chairman will work to achieve this. Councillor Hartshorne confirmed that he had spoken to the local Roden residents and there were no objections.

Clerk/
Chairman

c) Changes to the National Blue Badge Scheme
Members welcome the new guidelines for applicants.

Members suspended Standing Orders at 8.55pm in order to complete the Agenda.

177/09/19.C Clerk's Report

The Clerk had copied relevant actions to the Members for their information.

A request had been received for consideration of a bus stop near Airfield View. On investigation with TWC School Transport Officer, this will be considered when the family receives its offer letter for the Secondary School.

178/09/19.C Parish Matters

Cllr Amy Glenholmes asked that the Roden Play Area be added to the next Agenda for consideration.

Clerk

Cllr Glenholmes requested details of the contract for grass cutting around the play park, especially the frequency and standard – this will be obtained by the Clerk.

Clerk

179/09/19.C Next Meetings

Planning Committee – 7th October 2019 in High Ercall Village Hall, Park Lane at 7.00 pm.

Full Council – Tuesday, 15th October 2019 in the Community Room, High Ercall School at 7.00 pm.

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 21.10p.m.

Signed

Date

Chairman